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Sent: Thur 6/19/2014 5:36:03 PM
Subject: RE: Wild rice: Update of Scientific Peer Review Process and Dates for Review Meeting

Good luck with the review – it will be interesting to hear what the panel has to say.

Dave

From: Swain, Ed (MPCA) [mailto:edward.swain@state.mn.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 12:15 PM
To: Erickson, Russell; Mount, Dave
Cc: Monson, Phil (MPCA)
Subject: FW: Wild rice: Update of Scientific Peer Review Process and Dates for Review Meeting

Hi Russ and Dave,

The email below was sent to the wild rice advisory committee and other interested parties on June 18th.

Thanks for discussing wild rice issues with me, Phil, and Emily

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I would appreciate receiving suggestions on what you would like to see changed in the next iteration. I already see some things that I would change!

Thanks,

Ed

From: Engelking, Pat (MPCA)

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 1:24 PM

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Subject: Update of Scientific Peer Review Process and Dates for Review Meeting

Greetings,

We wanted to update all of you about the status of the scientific peer review now that we have more specific information.

Our contractor, ERG, has selected seven reviewers and has determined dates for the panel meeting in St. Paul based on the reviewer schedules. I have attached a document from ERG that describes the reviewer selection process and lists the reviewers. Also, please note the review meeting will be held on **August 13-August 14, 2014** in St. Paul. We will be making a more formal announcement of this meeting later this summer, but please save these dates now that they are final.

The MPCA has completed its "Analysis of the Wild Rice Sulfate Standard: Draft for Scientific Peer Review" and also the Charge that will guide the review process. These two documents are attached above and also will be posted in the next couple of days on the MPCA web page for the Review Not Responsive

Note that the MPCA's Analysis is a refinement of the Preliminary Analysis shared with the Advisory Committee earlier this year. The new Analysis (wq-s6-42z) contains additional information from the MPCA's analysis of the Study results; both the Analysis and Charge (wq-s6-43a) were also informed by the feedback we received from you at our last Advisory Committee meeting and in e-mails and conversations.

Process for Providing Advisory Committee Feedback for Consideration by the Scientific Peer Reviewers

Advisory Committee members who wish to provide feedback on the revised Analysis should send any feedback they might have to me by July 14, 2014. Please provide any feedback in an electronic format if possible. MPCA will compile this feedback and forward it to ERG, who will in turn send it to the reviewers for their consideration. MPCA will also post the feedback on its web site. In the past couple of months, we have also received some written feedback on the MPCA's Preliminary Analysis. If you have sent feedback on the Preliminary Analysis, please let us know if you would like us to share it with the reviewers. We are asking this question because the Analysis has been refined from the earlier version, so we don't want to create confusion by automatically sharing feedback provided earlier that might now have been considered and incorporated into our updated Analysis.

Updated Review Process Timeline

Activity	Approximate Date/Timeframe
MPCA continues to analyze the Study data and refine the analysis, considering comments from the Advisory Committee members	April – Early June 2014
MPCA review document and technical charge are sent (along with background materials) to ERG for peer reviewers	June 12, 2014
MPCA review document, technical charge, reviewer selection process sent to advisory committee	June 18, 2014
Advisory Committee members submit feedback on review document to MPCA; ERG sends this feedback to peer reviewers for their consideration	July 14, 2014
Peer review meeting held	July 21, 2014
Final meeting summary from ERG	August 13-August 14, 2014
	September 2014

How We Will Use the Peer Review Results

MPCA will consider the peer reviewers' comments as the agency further refines MPCA's Analysis of the effects of sulfate on wild rice. If warranted, a Technical Support Document will be developed to describe the scientific basis for any proposed changes to Minnesota's water quality standards.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have questions.

Pat

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